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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

RICHTHOVEN BROUGHT DOWN AT LAST.

Enemy's Futile Sacrifices.

London, April 22.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the Secretary for War, in his weekly review, says that hitherto the enemy's enormous sacrifices have not produced primary results. Therefore he expects a more powerful thrust elsewhere if the drive towards the Channel fails.

Sharp Enemy Attack Repulsed North of Albert.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in a communiqué, says:—
There was a strong local attack accompanied by heavy shelling last night against our positions in the neighbourhood of Mesnil, north of Albert. After sharp fighting, during which the enemy captured an advanced post, the attack was repulsed. We improved our positions slightly during the night in the Villers Bretonneux, Albert and Robecq sectors. We captured prisoners and machine guns during various raids. South and north of Lens there is considerable mutual artillery fighting in different sectors, the enemy's being chiefly directed on our positions astride the Somme and Acre and also in the neighbourhood of Festubert and Nieppe Forest.

The French Front.

London, April 22.
A French communiqué states:—In the enemy raid repulsed yesterday night to the east of Avre, in the region of Thennes, we took prisoners. In the enemy raid east of Rheims we were equally successful. There is artillery activity at various points of the front.

FAMOUS GERMAN AIRMAN KILLED.

Richthofen Buried With Military Honours.

London, April 22.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing on Monday, says that the famous German airman Richthofen, who was brought down yesterday, his body has been recovered and is being buried with military honours to-day. It is anticipated that the ceremony will be very impressive and worthy of the fallen airman's remarkable record.

THE GERMANS IN RUSSIA.

Numerous Atrocities Committed.

London, April 22.
Reuter's correspondent at Moscow says that the Government has protested to Berlin against numerous atrocities in Russian towns and villages because of alleged isolated cases of guerrillaism or the refusal by the peasants to give up corn and oats.

IRELAND AND CONSCRIPTION.

Unsettled State of Affairs.

London, April 22.
The Catholic clergy throughout Ireland yesterday preached condemning conscription. The priests, in many instances, afterwards administered the anti-conscription pledge to huge crowds. The military have taken over the principal Irish railways, post offices and telephone exchanges.

DUTCH AFFAIRS.

Convoy of Ships Going To The Dutch Indies.

London, April 22.
According to Reuter's correspondent at The Hague, Captain Ramon, the Minister of the Navy, has announced in the first Chamber that the Government intends to send a convoy of ships to the Dutch Indies with their own coal, escorted by warships, in order to bring back certain members of the Government and to let certain commodities urgently needed by the Government.

EARTHQUAKE IN UNITED STATES.

London, April 22.
Reuter's correspondent at Los Angeles reports an earthquake in southern California and a portion of west Arizona. Two towns have been wrecked, besides much minor damage.

CHINA'S INTERNAL CONDITION.

Two American Women Missionaries Kidnapped.

London, April 22.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that two American women missionaries have been kidnapped by brigades on the Kiangsu-Shantung border and held to ransom. Brigandage and lawlessness among the soldiery and a decreasing respect for foreign life and property are among the serious aspects of the internal situation.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

HOLLAND MAY ENTER THE WAR.

London, April 22.
The "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Rotterdam states that certain demands have been already made or are about to be made by Germany which it seemed would force the Netherlands to take one side or the other in the war.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Enemy Suffers Severely In The Great Repulse.

London, April 21.
A wireless German official message states: Reciprocal reconnaissances on Prince Rupprecht's and the Crown Prince's battle fronts led to violent infantry engagements. We attacked the Americans near Seicheprey and penetrated for two kilometres, returning at night time to our original lines. The American losses were high and we took prisoner 183.

The Fighting Between Givenchy Forest and Nieppe.

London, April 21.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters reports to-day: Apparently the enemy suffered more severely in the great repulse on Thursday, between Givenchy forest and Nieppe, than supposed, for the hard pressing tactics have so far not been resumed. Last night and this morning passed quietly. Doubtless the enemy will make another thrust for the possession of the hill system from Kemmel to Mont Descaze, but to-morrow we shall be even better prepared to receive him than to-day. No leader of a democratic army dare gamble away his man power as Ludendorff is doing. No General of any other nation dare set a million and a half of lives as the price for the Channel Ports. At the present ratio of casualties to the progress it is questionable whether twice a million and a half will achieve the result.

After quoting striking figures gathered from an officer among the prisoners in support of the statements of the heavy enemy losses, ranging between thirty and fifty per cent, the correspondent says: The enemy has been eating the flesh of fallen horses along the Bapaume road and is much dissatisfied to discover that the reports of British troops starving are untrue, which fact is borne out by the capture of well-stocked canteens. During the recent advance French troops and artillery have been in action shoulder to shoulder with our men. It is impossible to overstate the effect in moral upon the latter, who have unbounded confidence in the heroism and fighting qualities of our Allies. The liaison between the Anglo-French army staffs is working with the utmost harmony and high efficiency. M. Poincaré, visiting the Flanders area this morning, reviewed the British battalions and expressed unfeigned satisfaction with all he saw.

We improved our position last night east of Riez-de-Vinage, took some prisoners and killed forty. We also improved our line of posts in the area of Point Hange and south of Fancut Wood. Our artillery is ceaselessly active against concentrations in the region of Mont Kemmel. The airman, taking advantage of the clearer weather, have been very busy all over the battle area.

Aviators Active.

London, April 21.
Reporting on aviation Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says: Twelve tons of bombs were dropped in day-time yesterday on Menin and Armentieres and on Thourout railway junction. We brought down six and drove down three machines out of control. Three of ours are missing. Our night-fires dropped eleven tons of bombs on Bapaume and railway junctions at Jumièville, Bethenville and Chaulnes. A large fire occurred in the last named place. All the machines returned.

The French Front.

London, April 22.
A French communiqué reports: There was no infantry action to-day. There is reciprocal artillery on the fronts of the Somme, Avre and Oise and right of the Meuse. Our line north of Seicheprey was entirely restored. The enemy bombarded Rheims, causing several fires.

Congratulations from Arabia.

London, April 21.
The King of Hedjaz has telegraphed to King George his congratulations on the magnificent and unmatched gallantry of the British armies on the Western Front, earnestly praying the Almighty to crown with victory the banners of the true cause for which they are fighting with such undaunted bravery.

King George replied "I am deeply touched by your Lordship's message. It breathes the spirit of confidence and unity of purpose which binds together the Allied forces on all fronts in all lands in unshakable determination to achieve the liberation of mankind from tyranny."

The King of Hedjaz has telegraphed the British Government begging it to convey to Field Marshal Haig, his gallant commanders and troops, the King's wholehearted admiration of the magnificent defence of the British army in the face of the Germans' desperate but unavailing offensive.

The Mayor of Mecca has telegraphed the Lord Mayor of London congratulating the city on the inspiring spectacle of the valiant and glorious opposition to the fruitless assaults of the German hordes on the Western Front.

THE MAN-POWER PROBLEM.

The Dominions Redoubling their Recruiting Campaigns.

London, April 21.
The "Times" says that the Dominions are redoubling their efforts to reinforce their troops on the West Front. Both Australia and South Africa are resorting to redoubled recruiting campaigns. There is no difference between the advocates and opponents of conscription in Australia in their devoted support to the British cause, but only the differences about the means which will ultimately best to its prosperity. The New Zealand Government, besides increasing the reinforcements, has carried a Budget with a drastic clause compelling subscription to the latest War Loan. The efforts of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, if with differing accents, speak with unvarying meaning and earnestness of resolve, and are singularly welcome to this country and the Allies at the moment of heavy strain.

The Germans and the Crimes.

London, April 21.
A German official message states:—
We have opened a way to the Crimea after overcoming resistance.

TELEGRAMS.

UNSETTLED CHINA.

General Tuan on the War Path.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Shanghai, April 22.
General Tuan Chih-jui, the Premier of China, arrived at Hankow on the 21st instant with two regiments. He is proceeding to Changsha.

Reuter's Telegram.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, April 22.
The silver market is steady.

AMATEUR WIRELESS OPERATORS.

Chinese Youths Charged at the Police Court.

At the Police Court this morning, Harry Shing and William Ming, two Chinese youths, were charged, on remand, with erecting a wireless installation at 122, Des Voeux Road Central.

Mr. E. Davidson, who appeared for defendants, said he would tender a plea of guilty in this case, subject to the understanding that the prosecution were not pressing the matter, and that they would be satisfied with a nominal fine and the confiscation of the actual wireless apparatus. If such were the case, he was quite prepared to plead guilty. If the Police did not agree he would try to show His Worship that the matter was purely technical.

For the prosecution, Mr. T. H. King said the Police did not intend to press the matter as they were satisfied the apparatus was used for experimental purposes. He proposed to ask his Worship for the confiscation of the apparatus but he did not think he was justified in asking for the confiscation of the apparatus which had been found at Breary Point. He thought, however, that his Worship could have no doubt that the bulk of the apparatus seized at Breary Point was part of wireless to be used.

The war was on and although he was not an expert in wireless, he yet thought that the apparatus when erected was able to receive messages up to 80 miles. He asked his worship to order defendants to be of good behaviour with regard to the wireless apparatus and to warn them that the wireless should not be used for a similar purpose for at least twelve months. Mr. Davidson said he had no objection to this but he hoped no stigma would attach to his clients. He wished to guard them against that.

Mr. King said that when the Police visited the premises defendants knew they were up to some sort of mischief, for a portion of the apparatus was hidden through the window.

Mr. Davidson:—That is alleged against Mr. Shing.

His Worship said he would accept the plea, and did not want to sign a bond to be of good behaviour for twelve months. That did not mean that they were bad characters. They must also understand that they were not at liberty to use the wireless in the future, and if they intended to carry out experiments they should first consult some one who knew about the matter. His Worship also said he found on the charge sheet the second defendant was described as "W. Ming, 30, Anstis."

He supposed that was a mistake. Mr. Davidson replied that he had papers to prove defendant called from Australia.

Defendants were each fined \$25 and were ordered to enter into a bond of \$100 each.

DIVES AND LAZARUS.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday morning.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things; and Lazarus evil things; but now here he is comforted and thou art in anguish.

And beside all this between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they which would pass from hence to you may not be able, and that one may cross over from thence to us." Luke 16/25.

This parable should not be disconnected from the unjust steward which precedes it.

It seems to be a warning to Pharisees, who being "lovers of money" derided our Saviour's unworldly teaching. Addressing them in their own manner He gives this lurid illustration of the Divine reversal of worldly estimates, using terms and conceptions current at the time concerning the state of the departed beyond the grave.

Here is this man "clothed in purple and fine linen, and faring sumptuously every day," in the parlance of to-day doing himself uncommonly well and having a good time. In contrast is the beggar at his gate, full of sores and competing with dogs for crumbs which might fall from his rich neighbour's table.

To both comes the one event which does happen to all men, and immediately the scene is wholly changed. He who had been the companion of dogs is ministered to by angels, and delivered out of a cruel world, is received and cherished by the father of the faithful. For Dives also the change is thorough.

"In hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and asks that Lazarus be sent to cool his tongue with a drop of water. Abraham's reply reminds him that in his previous life he had already received his share of good things. His request is therefore set aside as unreasonable, but further it is said to be impossible because of the impassable barrier between him and the man whom on earth he had neglected and despised, and whom now he wishes to serve him.

The doctrine of retribution is spoken of by our Lord in many varying aspects. In this case it is shown as the almost automatic continuation in the future life of lines laid down in the present life, which would be retribution enough in most cases. "He that is filthy, let him be filthy still; what sentence can be heavier? Every day as we live our lives we are shaping our very selves, more deeply and permanently than most of us ever think of. Habit, capacity and character are taking forms from which it becomes more and more difficult to effect a disengagement, or even to desire one. If the lines laid down are evil the men becomes invested in the end with a personality which could not be happy in heaven. A man with evil propensities which he has no power to gratify carries hell about with him; a tormenting, incurable thirst. Such is the case given here in our Saviour's parable,—the tormenting thirst of a man transported to a world where everything he valued is at a discount, and everything he had desired in this world is not to be had.

This Dives is not represented as an exceptionally bad character; he is just a self-seeking man of the world, at a loss in a sphere where his standards do not apply and his wishes cannot be met. He has no tastes which paradise can gratify, and no means of gratifying such tastes as he has. He has made himself dependent on enjoyments which could not accompany him beyond the grave, and now, compelled to part with them, he is without resources.

Circumstances change, but the self; habits; character; position though surroundings alter, as the

THE ATTACK ON MR. D'OLIVEIRA.

Portuguese Community's Sympathy.

There was a good attendance at the meeting held yesterday evening at the Shanghai Legation Club (says the N. C. Daily News of April 17) to decide on the most appropriate manner to convey to Mr. Jorge D'Oliveira, the Portuguese Consul-General, the horror felt by all at the attempt on his life and the relief on his miraculous escape. Mr. F. G. Eca da Silva was voted to the chair and Mr. O. E. L. Gario was elected secretary of the meeting.

The chairmen in a short speech, briefly mentioned the profound regret felt by all that an attempt should have been made to cut the career of an upright man like Mr. D'Oliveira and asked those present to express an opinion whether the resolution passed at the meeting should be conveyed verbally or in writing to the Consul. The former course was resolved upon and it was decided that a deputation should call on the Consul-General to convey the expression of the meeting.

The following gentlemen were then elected to form the deputation:—

Messrs. F. G. Eca da Silva; O. E. L. Gario; P. A. Meira da Costa; J. C. P. Namunposo; F. J. d'Almeida; F. F. de Silva; T. S. Pereira; Ludovico d'Encarnacao. Then Mr. J. J. de Sousa said that the meeting had the sympathy of all the members of the Club who are not of the Portuguese nationality. (Applause.)

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Club for the use of its hall and to the chairman.

The deputation will call on the Consul-General this evening at 8.30.

DONT FORGET.

TO-DAY.

St. George's Day Celebrations. Theatre Royal. "The Witness for the Defence"—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

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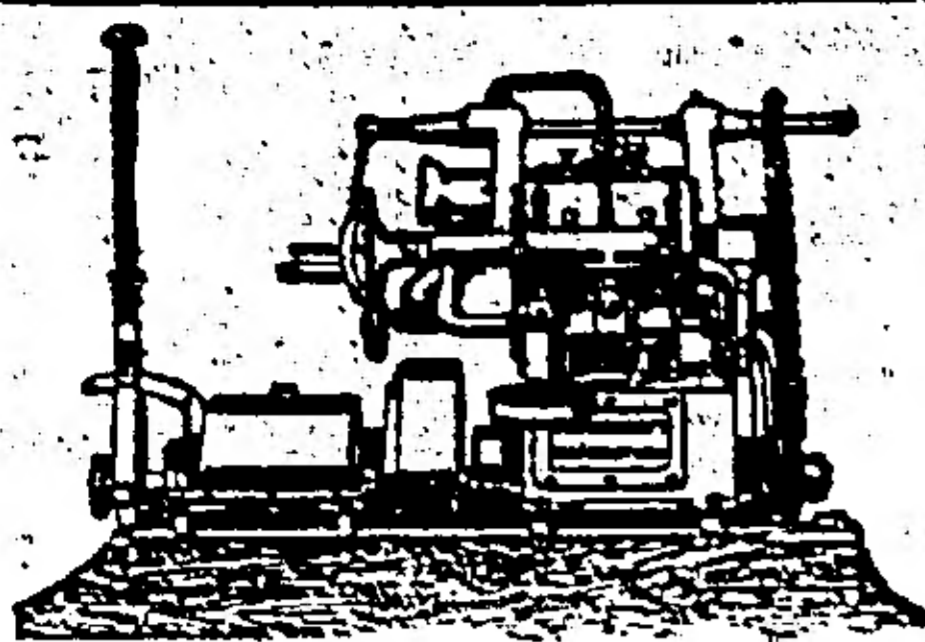
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tree falls so it lies; and in hades men lift up their eyes to see, if they refuse to see sooner, the grand error they have committed. It is just the old central error of human practices, whether or not the root sin of human nature living as though there were no God, no accountability, no claim of love to answer, no ideal of purity to strive for, nothing to consider but how to make the most of what we can get in the interests of the passing hour. A man need not be a swindler or a murderer to land himself in eternity with a character settled in lines which can only be a torment to him in any sphere where God's will is the substance and foundation of life, as in this world it is not. He need only live like Dives, content on himself and his like-minded social circle, forgetful or contemptuous of the sufferer at his gate.

That is all, but if the lines of cleavage which collapse, contemptible selfishness and pride maintain between rich and poor in this world, are found in the other world to have hardened into an impassable gulf, between misery and happiness, it will be that one more illustration of our Lord's repeated warning: that many first shall be last, and last first.

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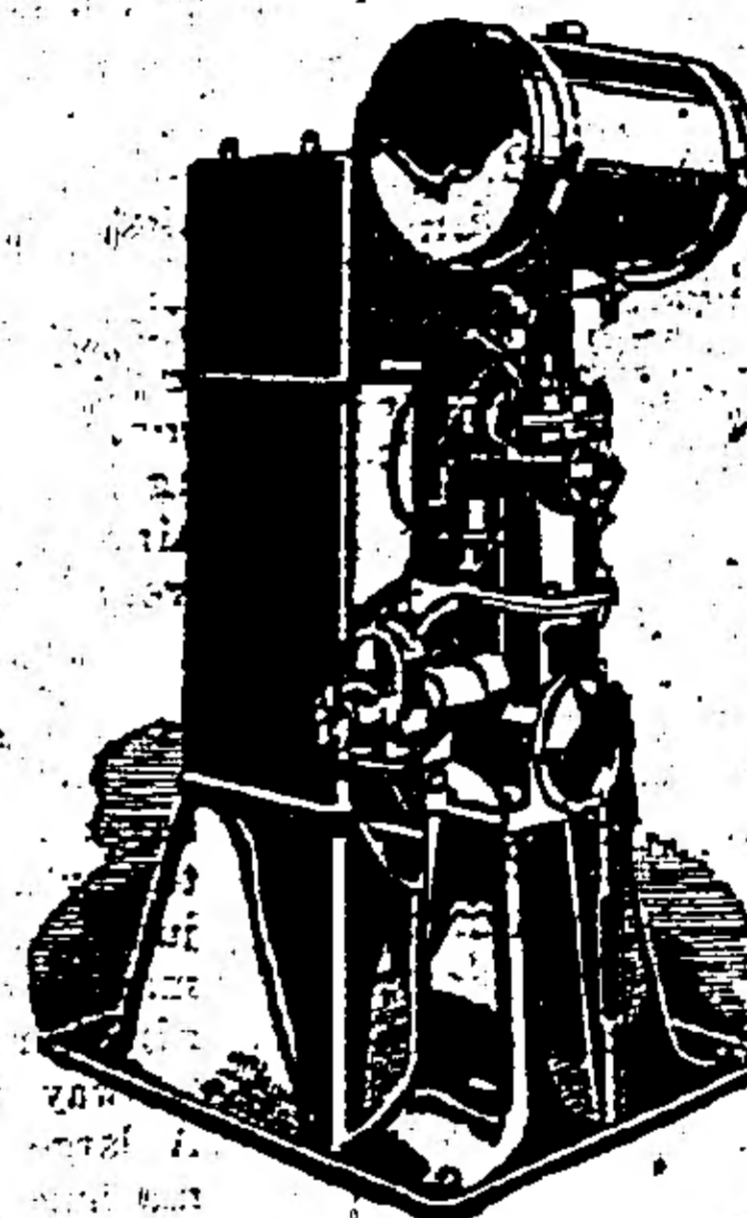
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GENERAL NEWS.

Ricksha Coolies on Strike.
A number of Shanghai ricksha coolies have stopped work on the ground that it has become too difficult to earn a living since the new police regulations have compelled them to take places on stands, and not wander about soliciting fares.

Gambling in Tokio Exchange.

A form of gambling on the Stock Exchange, called *usubari*, has recently been very widely indulged in by members of the Tokio Exchange. It is said that the brokers specialising in this sort of gambling in the capital numbered over 150, and that their employees are taken into account, the total number of persons guilty of the offence is over 3,000. It is reported from Tokio that the judicial authorities having obtained incriminating evidence, wholesale prosecutions will shortly be started. What form of gambling *usubari* is, says the *Japan Chronicle* in reporting the above, we do not know, but it must be something more than usually pernicious.

Chinese Journalists for Japan.
A party of Chinese journalists left Peking to visit Japan by special invitation on the 11th instant. Before going they were received by President Feng Kuo-chang who impressed on them the importance of using their pens to cultivate friendly relations with Japan. "It is my earnest hope," he said, "that after your arrival in Japan you will make a careful study of the commercial and industrial conditions in that country. With the information brought back by you as a result of your close inquiries and observations, you will do a world of good to your countrymen. Regarding the cultivation of friendly feelings between these two countries, it is necessary for us to deal with one another with justice and fairness. Only in this way can permanent friendly relations between these two countries be secured."

From The Front.
In a letter from Lieut. A. M. Scott, 10th Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, who went home from Shanghai about a year ago, he says: "Young Joe Radcliffe of Jardine's has been doing great things. He went into the Flying Corps, had been gassed, but had to do three more flights to get his wings, viz., pass as pilot. The story I heard was that when those persistent raids were on over London he went up one night in an old bus or lorry doing 60. He was soon in the thick of things. Five Gothas doing 120 went for him, but he managed to keep them off and fought all the way from Orlyden to Brighton, about 28 miles, when he got smashed. Shot in the high, two bullets in the calf and one in the heel. Coming down he smashed into a tree and didn't know anything till he awoke in hospital. Rather a good start! Lieut. Scott, since writing the above, had an accident practising bombing and was recently in hospital; his injuries were slight."

Shanghai Roll of Honour.
A cable was received on the 12th instant, by the representative for British Manufacturers, Ltd., dated London, the 10th instant, transmitting the news that Captain Saml. G. Berry of the 7th Somersetshire Light Infantry had been killed in a recent action on the western front. The deceased officer was greatly esteemed by the Company for whom he managed their Shanghai office until 1915 when he volunteered for military service and left for England on leave. He married in January, 1917, Miss Ruth Sedbrooke Potts who travelled from Shanghai to London for the event. Captain Berry was a member of the Shanghai Club, also of the Bowling Club. He was an excellent cricketer and played in the English eight several seasons besides coaching a large number of the younger members of the Club. He was also a member of the Yacht Club and a keen sportsman, sailing on the *Ross*, *Edel*, *Marjorie*, and was a part owner of the *Nil-Desperandum*. He was also a member of the *Essex* Co. S.V.C. Much sympathy will be felt for the young widow and friends of the deceased.

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Mr. William John McGaghy MacCaw, M.P., and his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Elizabeth MacCaw, of Rooknest, Godstone, were summoned at Oxford for offences under the Hoarding Order. Ten summonses were issued, relating to flour, biscuits, sugar, tea, rice, tapioca, oatmeal, semolina, golden syrup, and honey. Mr. MacCaw is the son of the late Rev. Dr. MacCaw, D.D., and has large business interests in India and the Far East. He was first elected Unionist M.P. for West Down in March, 1908, and is a member of the Carlton, Constitutional, Oriental, St. Stephen's and City of London Clubs. He has a residence in Easton-square, and evidence was given of the following quantities of food being found at the two houses:

Tea	53	12
Sugar	102	284
Golden Syrup	34	16
Tapioca	64	32
Rice	134	106
Oatmeal	59	57
Biscuits	100	15
Semolina	53	—
Honey	21	—
Flour	435	47

—Mr. Roland Oliver who prosecuted, withdrew the case against Mrs. MacCaw, who was stated to be ill, and proceeded with that against Mr. MacCaw, who pleaded not guilty. The Order had to be reasonably interpreted, and he would not contend that a man living in a country house with poor railway facilities was to live from day to day; but he did contend that he was only allowed to purchase such quantities of food as were reasonably required for his household. Having enumerated what the inspector found, Mr. Oliver said that he was not in a position to prove that any portion of the semolina or honey was acquired since April 9th, 1917, when the Order came into force, and he would withdraw those summonses. With respect to other articles it was quite obvious that when they were acquired large stocks were already in hand. They were principally staple foods, cereals, tea, sugar, biscuits, and flour. According to Mr. MacCaw, the household consisted of 15 persons, but three of the servants were on board wages while there were only three—not

four—in family, making the number 11. Mr. MacCaw said they made their own bread, but the local baker supplied the house, and from December 24th to January 5th there were delivered 25 2-lb. loaves for the family, and 14 2-lb. loaves and three 1-lb. for the servants. Upon the basis of the voluntary rationing scale, and assuming 15 persons were in the household, the quantities found worked out as follows:

Flour, 32 weeks' supply.
Tea, 37 weeks' supply.
Sugar, 13 weeks' supply.

Rooknest was not marooned in the middle of a desert. It was quite near London, where Mr. MacCaw had a house in Easton-square, and on January 8th the house was searched and other stores found. Defendant was a wealthy man, and it was impossible to imagine a worse case than that of a people's elected representative hoarding the people's food. —Mr. MacCaw, in his evidence, said that his family consisted of himself and wife and two daughters. He had a total staff of 15 servants, of whom 13 were at Rooknest. They very frequently had guests, there being about 30 bedrooms in the house. Mrs. MacCaw arranged for the food supplies. He did not know where the pantry was in the house, but although he knew nothing about the matter, he accepted legal responsibility. About April of last year he discussed the food shortage with his wife. Prior to this war non-perishable stores were ordered for about six months, but since that had been altered. About June last he attended a meeting at the House of Commons, when Lord Devonport said, in answer to a question, that a person living in the country was certainly justified in keeping "the supply accustomed to be kept in ordinary times." He asked Lord Devonport whether anyone keeping such supply could be accused of hoarding, and the answer was, "Certainly not." The honey mentioned in the summons, said witness, was obtained from his own bees, and the sugar and golden syrup was saved up for jam. —Mr. Oliver: Do you suggest that you are entitled to keep a month or two's supplies at both of your houses? —I think a reasonable supply ought to be kept. —The Bench acquitted defendant on the summons in regard to golden syrup; on all the other summonses they convicted. The penalty in respect of the summons concerning flour was £100, and in each of the other six summonses £50, with five guineas costs on each summons. The Bench made an order for the confiscation of the goods, with the exception of those required for the ordinary use of the household.

AMERICA AND THE RUSSIAN RAILWAYS.

Appointments to Superintendent Reconstruction.

According to a dispatch received in "a certain quarter" in Tokyo, an agreement has been reached between the representative of the American railway party and General Horvath, Director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, to appoint some members of the American railway party at Harbin as leaders of the Russian workers on the Chinese Eastern railway. Commenting upon this report, the Asahi says that it is a very important matter. Japan negotiated with the Russian Government to take over the Chinese Eastern railway, but the negotiations came to naught owing to the outbreak of the Revolution. On the other hand it seems that the United States, through the Red Cross, secured contracts for reconstructing not only the Chinese Eastern Railway but the whole of the Siberian railways. On the return of the mission to the United States, the American authorities dispatched a party of about 300 railwaymen headed by Mr. Stevens, who is recognised as one of the best American experts on railway construction. The Russo-American arrangement offered a temporary set back owing to the Bolsheviks assuming political power. The American railwaymen, however, stayed at Harbin, and conducted negotiations with General Horvath. As a result, they have now secured the right to direct the railway workers between Manchuria and Peking. This is a first step on the part of the United States towards extending her influence to the whole of the Siberian railways. Americans have obtained a footing in mining, forestry, and other fields in Siberia, and taking advantage of the good feeling entertained by the Russians, the United States, concludes the Asahi, is steadily endeavouring to achieve economic development in that part of the world. —Japan Chronicle.

Young Men from Munitions.

It was stated at the Sheffield Tribunal by the National Service representative that a large number of fit young men from the Royal Small Arms Factory and the Royal Gunpowder Factory were to be combed out. This was being done as the result of a Government inquiry.

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Mr. Birrell Recalls Aims of Honour And Safety.

Mr. Birrell made it known recently to his North Bristol constituents that he would not seek re-election at the end of this Parliament, and, after a resolution of regret and gratitude, he addressed the local Liberal Association probably for the last time as their member. He has represented North Bristol since 1906.

Britain, he said, entered the war because honour dictated it and safety demanded it. I do not know precisely what a pacifist is. What I know is that I am not one, and never have been one. I hate all "isms" and "isms." (Laughter.) Rheumatism, from which I suffer, is a most painful accompaniment to a speech—worse, even, than an ill-tuned piano.

Untoward things have happened, and, perhaps, are happening. But have not good things happened and are not good things happening, and may we not anticipate that good things will happen? Is not the entry into the war of the United States not only a stupendous event, but a verdict carefully considered, honestly given, impartially rendered, and unthought?

Is it not the verdict for the justice of our cause? Is it such a verdict, and as such I desire it should be registered. In my opinion the entry of the United States into this war is one of the most important events the world has ever seen, and it would be had indeed if, through any lack on our part, the glory of that event should be tarnished or impaired. (Cheers.)

Asking what was the greatest obstacle to peace at present, Mr. Birrell replied that it was the temper and will of the German War Lords. In face of that temper it was futile to approach them in terms of peace.

In a latter passage, Mr. Birrell said: This is no Foreign Office war. I confess I have very little affection for our Foreign Office. Like an old fever hospital, it is full of the germs of dead wars and torn-up treaties. When you penetrate—God forbid you ever should—the innermost chamber, I dare say you will find sitting on a moth-eaten throne the mouldy, but not yet moribund, military "balance of power."

TENNIS LEAGUE.

Too Many Entries for the "B" Class.

At a special meeting of the Hong Kong Tennis League, held in the Cricket Club pavilion last evening, over which Dr. Forsyth presided, confirmation was given to the alteration of the rules which had been decided on at the annual meeting held a week ago. The object of the alteration is to make clear that any playing member or subscribing member must have been duly elected by the club concerned before he can play.

The confirmation was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. H. A. Nisbet and unanimously agreed to.

It was also announced by the Chairman that no less than nineteen clubs had entered for the second division of the League, thus making it unwieldy. It had been suggested that no Club should be allowed to enter more than one team in that division and that Clubs with no courts or only cement courts should be excluded. Nine of the Clubs entered had grass courts and it was thought to limit the entries to ten.

On the proposition of Mr. Nisbet, seconded by Mr. Bumjahn it was decided to limit the number of teams to 10 and that each team must have a grass court. This was agreed to.

Mr. S. E. Green resigned his position on the Working Committee and Mr. Lindeell was elected to the vacancy.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Some Interesting Play Last Night.

On the Cricket Ground last evening a deal of interest centred in the match between S. Imago and M. Sogita and Lim Keng Sim and Chue Sin Kah, this being in the Championship Doubles. The latter pair won somewhat easily by 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

There was plenty of really good play seen in the other matches, the results of which were:—Championship Doubles:—Capt. Cooney and G. N. Manley beat C. F. Milby and H. Handley Pegg, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

Championship Singles:—Rev. O. L. Cooper beat B. W. Bradbury, 6-1, 6-0, 6-4.

Mixed Handicap Doubles:—O. Thorne and Mrs. Black (res. 15) beat O. C. Hickling and Mrs. Hickling (res. 3/8) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Singles Handicap "A":—A. Morris (res. 4/8) beat F. E. Jordan (res. 3/8) 6-1, 6-2; J. R. Irvine (res. 4/8) beat H. M. E. R. Hallifax (res. 15/8) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Professional Pairs: Major Ardolino and Captain Milner Jones beat A. L. Bonet and H. H. Taylor 6-0, 6-2.

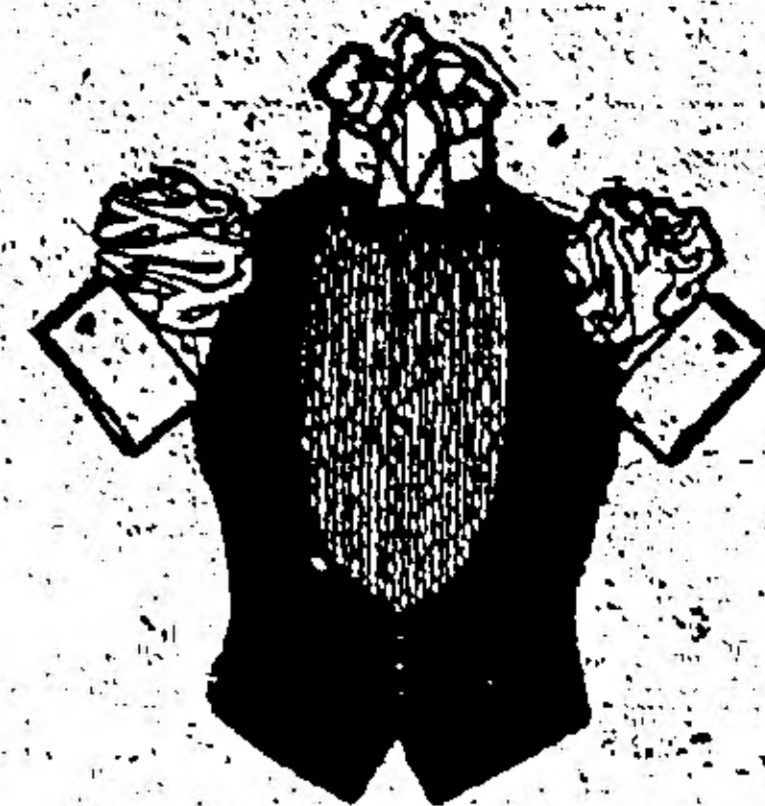
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SHIPPING NEWS.

To Command the Dutch Ship. Four shipmasters, Captains Tuebben, Wilks, Hamblin and Oiser, left Shanghai by the Sunning on April 19, and Kueichow on the 11th for Hongkong to take command of the Dutch ships taken over by the British Government in Hongkong and Singapore. Four engineers are going shortly and more masters and officers are urgently required. The terms that have been arranged with the Government, through the medium of the China Coast Officers' Guild, are: China coast salaries, senior grades with bonus and exchange compensation, amounting to \$605 for masters, \$322 for chief officers and \$145 for second officers payable abroad in the equivalent of Mexican currency at exchange of 1/2 day, with return to port of engagement on full pay, on termination of service. Shipping and Engineering.

Mercantile Marine Conciliation Committee.

The Shipping Controller has recently set up an Inter-Departmental Committee known as the Mercantile Marine Conciliation Committee for the purpose of dealing with cases of difference between shipowners and seamen. On the invitation of the Committee, representatives of various sections of sea, labour and of shipowners have met in conference at the Ministry of Shipping, considering and discussing the possibility of bringing about a standard or national rate or rates of wages and the machinery necessary to deal with the regulating of the supplies of men, and revision of the conditions of their employment. The Ministry authorise it to be stated, that it is satisfied as to the expediency of establishing a national rate of rates of wages, and that it is prepared to create, and to make effective the machinery necessary for this purpose. From communications recently received the Ministry has every hope that an agreement between all parties will be reached for the fullest co-operation in all matters affecting the personnel of the Mercantile Marine.


The Requisitioning of Dutch Ships.

After being detained at Honolulu, but released when an understanding was reached with the American authorities, the Dutch s.s. Oranje of the Rotterdam Royal Mail line, arrived at Yokohama from San Francisco on April 4. The Japanese authorities did not detain the vessel and she left for Batavia on April 5. The British Minister, in a letter to the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, states that the Allied Government believe that the Dutch ships now in their ports do not fully correspond with the tonnage anticipated under the agreement and vessels in or bound for Dutch ports will be found to exceed the tonnage needed for exports of the Netherlands and her colonies, calculated on the basis of the original tonnage proposals provisionally agreed to by the Dutch delegates. If it should be proved to the satisfaction of the Allied Government that this is not the case, the latter will be ready to make up any deficiency of the tonnage left at Holland's disposal on the lines of the several arrangements regarding the use and distribution of Dutch tonnage as soon as the Netherlands Government has supplied the figures of the tonnage now in or bound to Dutch ports.

Merchant Seaman's Boycott. Lord Beresford, speaking at the Merchant Seamen's boycott meeting, held at the Albert Hall, London, recently, said that no one in authority had yet made a clear and definite statement to bring home to the German people that they would be seriously punished after the war for the continuation of their crime, or that that punishment would be increased if their crimes continued. Ministers had spoken of "reparation and restoration." That was all rhetoric, and it was not going to bring home to the German people the realisation of the retribution that would be demanded. They had had too much talk, too many words. Now they demanded deeds. They must have statements made in unmistakable language, incapable of being misunderstood, as to what punishment would be inflicted upon them if they continued those horrors. The punishment must be proportionate to the crimes committed. That these representatives would refuse to employ any German, pledged themselves not to purchase or use German goods, and that master mariners should refuse to salute the German flag for a period of two years after peace was declared and until the German people should establish Parliamentary control, then mitigation might be expected.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1918.

TWO NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES.

To-day two notable anniversaries fall due. They are anniversaries that thrill the hearts of all true Englishmen. They commemorate England's Patron Saint, Saint George of Merrie England, and the greatest of all Englishmen, the myriad-minded Shakespeare, the anniversary of whose birthday and also the date of his death is with us to-day. In the popular mind, to-day is especially identified with Saint George, and it is good to know that, despite the worries of the war and the anxieties it is causing, the day is being celebrated at home and abroad with as much zest as ever, and perhaps with a fuller appreciation of the underlying motive of it all. Saint George embodies all that we think of England traditionally, all that she has done in her glorious past in various parts of the world while creating her magnificent Empire and in battling for the right as she understood it against the oppressor. This anniversary day of England's patron Saint unfortunately finds England once more similarly engaged as in the past few years, fighting strenuously in what it is hoped will be the last, as it has been first, of modern wars in which the whole resources of men and move of nations are thrown with such terrible prodigality into the conflict. England to-day, as often in the past, is fighting for the glorious cause of Right over Might, fighting to shield the weak from the strong, and to uphold the principle that the spoken and the written pledge between nations, as between individuals, should be considered as sacred. England to-day is as chivalrous as in the past, and as willing as ever to struggle for those things with which a nation counts at heart, must possess but, lacking which, she is a source of corruption. The anniversary of the day particularly dedicated to England's patron saint finds England equally determined, to struggle on, along with her gallant Allies, in the terrific contest with the common enemy. It is certain that without England's power and wealth, the enemy would long since have prevailed. But England, true to those characteristics associated with her name and of Saint George, has spared neither and has all along fought with undaunted zeal for the great cause in which she is engaged. This anniversary unhappily, still finds England in no way inclined to be as "merrie" as of yore. She has a sterner task to accomplish; and, locally as elsewhere, where Englishmen are assembled, the name of Saint George is being invoked in connection with the task, which now eclipses all other things.

To-day under the auspices of the local Saint George's Society much splendid work has been performed from an early hour, as the result of which the Red Cross Society and other Societies actively engaged at the scene of hostilities will greatly benefit. Scores of willing workers have given their services ungrudgingly, and it is to be hoped that the public response has been commensurate with the good work done.

It surely also is fitting that even to-day, amidst all the activity caused by the war, the double anniversary connected with the name of Shakespeare should be remembered, as indeed it will be by thousands all the world over. By a remarkable coincidence Shakespeare's birthday anniversary and the anniversary of his death fall due simultaneously. He was what England's patron saint was not—he was an Englishman—an Elizabethan true to the noble spirit that pervaded his time, and still influences all true Englishmen. It was on April 23rd, 1564, that the greatest English dramatic poet was born and it was on exactly the same date in 1616, that our glorious Shakespeare died. Surely, therefore on this important date it is right and proper that all who share in the great privileges associated with the name of England and the British Empire should give thought to England's Patron Saint and England's profound genius, and it is likewise good on such an occasion that we should do all in our power towards helping along those who are still actively engaged in the greatest event in which England and the Empire has ever taken part.

North Point Bathing Facilities.

We learn with pleasure that the bathing facilities at North Point are to be of a more elaborate character this season than in previous years. That is extremely satisfactory and even more satisfactory is the fact that the Public Works Department have had the matter in hand for some little time and have nearly completed the arrangements. It is proposed to make some changes and improvements. A larger stretch of beach will be utilised, giving room for more shed accommodation for the convenience of bathers. This is very gratifying as last year, improved though the accommodation certainly was, it was frequently found to be insufficient. A change of ten cents, we understand, will be made for the use of the shed to which, however, soldiers and sailors in uniform will be admitted free. To the many bathers who found North Point a delightful bathing beach last year, the news that the authorities have the matter in hand and that the bathing station will soon be ready will be very pleasant indeed.

Congested Ricksha Traffic.

A report comes from Shanghai to the effect that many ricksha pullers are on strike or giving up business because new police regulations prohibit them patrolling the streets in the hope of picking up a chance fare. The regulations just issued make it compulsory for them to keep to stands erected for the purpose. We are not sure whether such regulations exist in Hongkong, but if they do they are not observed, for it is an every day sight to see rickshas collies snatching aimlessly about the roads of the Colony waiting for something to turn up. It would be better for everyone concerned if these practices were stopped for these men get in everyone's way and are of precious little use. If regulations were issued forcing them to keep to their stands the streets would be relieved of much of their congested traffic. The thoroughfares on the lower levels are not so wide that the Police can allow stray rickshas on them unless they are of some public service. Even, if as a result of such restrictions, a number of pullers retired from the business, they would not be missed. Hongkong is already overcrowded with this kind of traffic.

Another Complaint.

And while we are on this subject of ricksha traffic it may not be inopportune to draw the attention of the Police, if they are not already aware of the fact, that there are scores of men between the shafts of rickshas, and it might also be added, chairs, who ought not to be so employed. The lot of this fraternity is indeed hard, but they earn every cent they get, and this is no reason why there should be such large numbers of them doing work for which they are totally unfitted. The Police do occasionally reject old men and boys, but notwithstanding, there are many of them going about whose licenses should be withdrawn. It may appear to be very hard to deprive poor men of this means of livelihood, but it should be done in the interests of the public by whom they are employed. Some of the men pulling rickshas and carrying chairs are obviously in a very feeble state, their days of useful labour in this business being long past, and it is time something was done with them and if possible, for them.

Attempted Suicide.

An young Chinese woman was charged at the Police Court this morning with attempting to commit suicide, at Sai Kok. Sergeant Spiers said that early this morning a looking heard cries of "Save life," and found the woman in the water. He pulled her out. She had told him that she had attempted to take her life because her husband ill-treated her, and sometimes left her without money or food for three days at a time. Her husband was a fisherman and would not be back until late to-night. His Worship remanded the case till to-morrow.

DAY BY DAY.

ONE WOMAN FITS AND FIGHTS ABOUT HER WIDOWS AND ANOTHER FIGHTS AND RAVES ABOUT HER RIGHTS.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$ 134 d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the death of Justin McCarthy, the writer of the "History of Our Own Times," who died in 1912.

Spotted Fever.

Twenty-six cases of spotted fever were notified for the forty-eight hours ended April 22. Seventeen were from the City of Victoria and nine from other districts. There were eighteen deaths, all the sufferers being Chinese.

A Murder Charge.

A Javanese appeared to-day, before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court, on remand, charged with stabbing a countryman. His Worship said the injured man had since died and prisoner was now charged with murder. The case was adjourned.

Pick-Pocket Smartly Sentenced.

Before Mr. A. Dyer Ball, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with picking the pocket of another Chinese, opposite the King Edward Hotel on a tram car. Defendant got off the car and was chased, being caught. A previous conviction was proved and he was sent to prison for twelve months.

Dr. Y. K. To.

Dr. Y. K. To, M.A., M.B., Ch. B., has returned to Hongkong and set up a practice. He was formerly House Surgeon of the Tang Wah Hospital. In 1912 he left for England and studied in Edinburgh University, and graduated M.A., M.B., Ch. B. in 1916. After graduation he held the appointment of House Surgeon at Queen Mary's Hospital, London, and resigned the post last December and returned to Hongkong last month.

The Colony's Health.

For the week ending April 20th, 48 cases of spotted fever were notified, 28 being from the City of Victoria and 20 from other districts. There were 47 deaths. All the sufferers were Chinese. Four cases of diphtheria (Chinese) two of which were fatal, one fatal case of bacillary plague (Chinese), and four cases of enteric fever (one Filipino and the rest Chinese), of which there were three deaths, were also reported.

More Opium "Carrying"

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of 17 tins of prepared opium. Evidence was given by Revenue Officer Clarke, to the effect that the opium was found in seven parcels tied round defendant's waist. The opium came from Saigon. Defendant told His Worship that he was engaged by a stranger to carry it. A fine of \$1,200, or in default six months' hard labour was imposed.

Rasmacker's War Cartoons.

A magnificent Edition de Luxe of Louis Rasmacker's War Cartoons (in colours) which is limited to 1,000 Copies, has been anonymously presented for the benefit of Marine War Charities and will be included in the Auction at the end of the performance, this evening, of the "Witness for the Defence." This is a unique opportunity for Club Libraries or private individuals of securing a historical collection of War illustrations which will come day of exceptional interest and very great value.

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending April 20, 1918:

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate for 16 weeks.
This Year: ...	\$14,000	216,641
Last Year: ...	11,740	212,288
Increase: ...	2,250	4,355
Decrease: ...		

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

General Meeting of Seatholders and Subscribers.

In the City Hall last evening a special general meeting of the seatholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral was held. Bishop Lander presided and there were also present—H.E. the Governor, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. N. J. Stabb, Mr. H. W. Locker, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. W. L. Patterson, Commodore Sandeman, Commander Myburgh, Dr. J. H. Sanders, R.V. H. Conley Moyle, and Dr. H. G. Earle (Hon. Secretary).

At the outset, some discussion took place as to whether the meeting should be private or not, Bishop Lander saying that the suggestion in the newspapers that the meeting should be private was not official.

Mr. H. W. Locker proposed that the meeting should be private and His Excellency the Governor seconded. An amendment that the meeting should be open to the press was proposed by Mr. W. Jackson and seconded by Mr. J. H. Underwood, being carried by a large majority.

The Chairman then said he was of the opinion that only those who were subscribers and seatholders for the year 1918 and whose names were included in the register as having paid their subscriptions, during the first three months should be entitled to vote. As regards resolution No. 1 upon the agenda, "That the following words be added at the end of clause 1 of Regulation 16 after the word 'subscribers,' 'who are baptised members of the Church of England or of any episcopal Church in Communion with the Church of England,'"

The Church Body did not propose, at present, to submit this resolution to the meeting. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. Earle proposed that the following words be added at the end of Regulation 19:

"And that all sittings shall be free at each Sunday evening service."

Dr. Sanders seconded.

The Chairman reminded those present that at the last meeting the seatholders had agreed to the resolution, subject to confirmation at a special general meeting.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak: I beg to move an amendment that the present regulation stands.

Mr. H. B. L. Drwiggins: I second.

The amendment was lost, and the substantive motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

The following resolutions were then considered:—

"That the Saint John's Cathedral Church Ordinance, 1899 (No. 5 of 1899) be amended as follows:—

Substitute for Sub section 1 of Section 8:—

The Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains of the Church shall perform and carry on divine worship and the services usual in the Church of England according to the rites and ceremonies of the said Church.

Add a new Sub section 2 as follows:—

Whenever it shall be necessary to appoint a new Chaplain or Assistant Chaplain the Church Body shall call a General Meeting of the registered seatholders and subscribers for the purpose of electing six additional persons who are seatholders to form with the members of the Church Body other than the Chaplain Committee for the purpose of making the appointment. All questions relating to any such appointment shall be decided by such Committee and all such appointments shall be made by such Committee.

Add a new Sub section 3 as follows:—

A Chaplain or Assistant Chaplain shall not be re-engaged without the sanction of a resolution of a General Meeting of the registered seatholders and subscribers called for the purpose. If such re-engagement is sanctioned by such General Meeting the Church Body shall have power to renew any such engagement. The proposed amendments of any such General Meeting.

as is referred to in this Sub-section shall be private.

Add a new Sub-section 4 as follows:—

The Chaplain shall not take the chair at any General Meeting referred to in Sub-section 2 and Sub-section 3.

By number Sub-section 2 as Sub-section 5 and alter as follows:—

The Church Body may appoint such officers and servants other than the Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain, as may be necessary, on such terms and conditions as it may think fit.

Section 13 Sub-section 4. Eliminate the words "a Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain."

The following amendments to the above resolutions were moved:—

To insert after the words "six additional persons who are seatholders or subscribers" the words "and are otherwise qualified for election as Members of the Church Body," in the proposed new Sub-section 2 of Section 8, and to delete the words "other than the Chaplain" in the same Sub-section.

Mr. Locker, after saying that the original motion provided for the appointment of six additional persons who were seatholders and subscribers, said the proposed amendment was to the effect that such six additional persons should be qualified for election as members of the Church Body. The qualifications for election were that members must be British subjects, communicants and regular frequenters of the Church services. He considered that it was not right for persons who were not British subjects and who were not baptised members of the Church of England to form part of the Committee to select a chaplain for the Church of England but his suggestion was that the additional six persons should be qualified simply by being subscribers and seatholders, who were British subjects and baptised members of the Church of England. With regard to sub-section 2, he thought that the Chaplain should form one in selecting an assistant chaplain, but for certain reasons it was not thought that he should form a part of the body for the selection of a chaplain.

Mr. Locker asked if those responsible for the amendment were prepared to accept his suggestion in regard to the qualification of the proposed "six additional members," and the Chairman eliminated that Dr. Earle was not prepared to accept the compromise.

Continuing, Mr. Locker said he thought there were certain seatholders and subscribers who considered that the basis on which a chaplain should be appointed or selected ought to be broadened, but he thought that before going into details he would like to make his position towards the Church clear. He was a baptised member of the Church, had been confirmed, had attended communion in his earlier days regularly, but had not attended communion for some years. He was not a frequenter of the Church services, but he was a strong supporter of the Church, though he could not share all the doctrines and beliefs which the Church required he should share were he a regular churchman. He, however, believed that the Church had a definite place and a definite function in the national life and in the life of the Colony, and he believed she should be encouraged and supported. He believed that the Church should not be narrow or sectarian in spirit—that would antagonise and drive the people away rather than bring them in. All matters should be looked at on a broad basis, and that alone would help the Church. They had heard a great deal since the war began of the divorce of the Church from the national life. They had heard that from both without and within. They had heard it said that it was the duty of the Church to get more into touch with national life, that if he voted with those who did lives of those within her fold and those without. In a pamphlet signed by the Bishop, Mr. Locker said that the Church was the Governor was then put to the vote and carried.

Dr. Earle's amendment was put to the vote and carried. It was then put as a substantive that they must make a special endeavour to regain that touch.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn endorsed His Excellency's remarks as regards regular attendance at communion.

Commodore Sandeman thought it was necessary for a man to be a regular communicant to serve on the Church Body.

The Chairman said he would be disposed to his Lord and Master and carried by 31 votes to 12.

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To get into touch with national life was very necessary in a chaplain. They thought that the chaplain selected should be a member of the Church. Yet those moving the amendment wished that those responsible for the selection should be regular communicants. For his part he was of opinion that a person, as long as he was a supporter of the Church, was qualified to be a member of the Church body. It was not necessary that he should be a frequenter of the Church and a regular communicant.

Mr. A. H. Harris seconded Mr. Locker's suggestion.

His Excellency said he was there as a seatholder and he wished to state that the proposal which Mr. Locker had moved and Mr. Harris had seconded had been inspired by himself. One of the reasons that moved him to a consideration of the question was an address made by Bishop Norris in the Theatre Royal on the occasion of the National Mission of Hope and Repentance. He deplored, and rightly deplored, the want of interest in the Church, and amongst other things he suggested that the remedy lay in an increased Church body. He also went so far as to say that he would like to see every seatholder a member of the Church body. Unfortunately he (the speaker) had left for Shanghai and was not able to discuss the matter, which seemed to be impracticable. Bishop Norris was long enough in Hongkong to know that only a small number of seatholders were communicants and probably a still smaller number were frequenters of the Church. When in Shanghai he (the speaker) was interested in the constitution of the Cathedral Church there, and he found that on the occasion of the election of their chaplain the very procedure which he had suggested here was adopted—that was to say, the body of trustees, which was limited, he thought, to three, was increased by two representatives elected by the seatholders of the Church. There was nothing in the regulation to say that those seatholders must necessarily be communicants. He took an interest in the Church here. He did not profess to be what they called a fully qualified Churchman. He was very broad in all his religious beliefs. He communicated when the spirit moved him. If by the amendment before them they were going to eliminate good Churchmen, whose only fault was that they did not communicate regularly, from sitting on the body for the selection of a chaplain, then they were doing a great injury to the Church.

Dr. Earle, who was responsible for the first amendment, referred to the command of our Lord to His disciples at the Last Supper, where he said, "Do this in remembrance of me," and said that to be a good Churchman they should be regular communicants. He did not agree with the contention that the Church was narrow in its conceptions.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, supporting Dr. Earle, said the object of the amendment was to broaden the basis of the election of a chaplain or an assistant chaplain. He was under the impression that Bishop Norris did not say that a member of the Church body need not necessarily be a communicant. He was of the opinion that a man who was not a regular communicant, who was slack in attendance at Church services, was unable to sit on the Church body for the selection of a chaplain, as he was not acquainted with the work of a chaplain and the suitability or otherwise of a person.

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T. KING,
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Hongkong, 6th April, 1918.

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pany, Pedder Street, Victoria,
Hongkong, on Monday the 6th
day of May 1918, at 12 o'clock
noon when the subjoined resolu-
tions which were passed at the
Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company held on the 16th
day of April 1918, will be sub-
mitted for Confirmation as
special resolutions:—

- That it is expedient to effect
an amalgamation of this
Company with the Dairy
Farm Company Limited
and that with a view
thereto this Company be
wound up voluntarily and
that Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-
son & Co., Limited be and
they are hereby appointed
Liquidators for the purpose
of such winding up.
- That the conditional Agree-
ment submitted to the meet-
ing for amalgamation of this
Company with the Dairy
Farm Company Limited upon
the terms (inter alia) of the
acquisition by that Company
of the complete undertaking,
business, goodwill and prop-
erty of this Company in re-
turn for the issue to this
Company of 52,000 shares of
the Dairy Farm Company
Limited of the nominal value
of \$7.50 each credited as fully
paid up (being eight shares
of \$7.50 each of that Company
for each share of \$25 each of
this Company) and of the
issue by the Dairy Farm
Company Limited to Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Limited, the General Man-
agers of this Company (upon
their entering into restrictive
covenants which have been
agreed upon and by way of
bonus as compensation for
their loss of office as General
Managers of this Company)
of 2,000 shares of the Dairy
Farm Company Limited of
the nominal value of \$7.50
each credited as fully paid
up and the same is hereby
approved and that the
Liquidators be and they are
hereby authorised pursuant
to Section 185 of the Com-
panies Ordinance 1911 to
adopt the said Agreement
and carry the same into
effect with such (if any)
modification either before or
after the execution thereof as
the said Liquidators may
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J. ORAM SHEPPARD,
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Hongkong, 18th, April, 1918.

DIVES AND LAZARUS.

(Continued from Page 1)

The language of the parable is,
of course, highly figurative. But
behind its metaphors is truth,
which the workings of memory
and conscience as we know them
confirm.

Cast in forms of Rabbinical
thought our Lord's teaching here
has been too generally interpreted
in forms of medieval thought,
stereotyped, unfortunately, by the
genius of Dante in the Inferno.

Christian teaching about re-
tribution has therefore been cum-
bered up with revolting concep-
tions of a material hell, until
to-day it is difficult to get a hear-
ing from it. "Hell a discredited
institution," so runs the headline

over the account of a recent
article by Sir A. Conan Doyle—if
only sin were an abandoned
practice, how should all rejoice!

I read on, and found, as was to be
expected, that the discredited
case upon a form of insinuation. I
was never taught to believe in,
and certainly never taught anyone
else. Punishment, says the writer,
"does not consist in gross bodily
pain, but in the fact that the
grossest souls are kept in lower
spheres with the knowledge that
their own deeds have placed them
there, and with the hope that ex-
piation and the help of those
above them will educate them and
bring them level with the others."

One might object that there is
here no recognition of goodness
and badness, but only a distinc-
tion between coarse and fine,
lower and higher, which a process
simply of education would suffice
to obliterate. We have, however,
to deal in actual life a sheer bad-
heartedness which is not more
coarseness of grain, a downright
wickedness which is not at all
mere lack of perception or defect
of education.

The state of the world at this
moment enforces, loudly these
grim moral realities, and it seems
a pity to gloss over in words,
phenomena which assert them-
selves in facts. However, the
state of Dives in the parable is

pretty much according to the
formula, as far as it goes, "Son,
remember." Such is his sentence,
and even "gross bodily pain"
would be easier to bear. The
load is not so much lightened
after all by getting rid of literal
fire and brimstone. Deathless
memory the agent of remorse,
the perpetual reminder of some-
thing renounced, birthright des-
pised, stewardship neglected—
what is it but the worm which
does not die, fire which is not
quenched?

The crux of the question, so
far as present-day thinking is
specially concerned, is of course
this matter of the "great gulf
fixed." It is fair to remind our-
selves in passing that the
difficulty is not an exclusively
modern one by any means.

From the earliest times it has
pressed on Christian thought and
there have been thinkers who
have believed in the final restora-
tion of all souls to holiness.

Origen, among the early
Fathers, is said even to have
hoped for the ultimate conversion
of the devil. There is no doubt
the mind does shrink from the
thought of punishment everlast-
ingly continued, chastisement from
which there is no possibility of
cessation or emergence.

Now, so far as this parable
goes it does not itself exclude
hope. Christ spoke here not
of ultimate destiny but of the
state assigned to the departed by
Jewish thought of His time before
the final judgment. "Hades" is
not, as popularly supposed a
euphemism for "hell," but the
land of shades in the strict sense.

The greater part of Christen-
dom has nearly always believed
in some sort of intermediate state
in which souls not incurably
reprobate might find repentance.

But that is not to say that we
are to expect easy changes of
character after death, and it is
change of character that is the
real problem, not mere change of
condition. The question is not
one of God's being willing to
forgive and restore, but of a man's
losing the capacity to repent. In
this world we see but too frequent-
ly that having one's eyes opened
to the bitter consequences of ill-
going is not the same thing as
really repenting of the evil itself.

There is no guarantee that it will
be otherwise on the other side of
death. The tendency of character

to continue on the line once
chosen, for worse or better, re-
forces very pointedly the truth
about which there is no doubt,
that "life is the time to serve the
Lord" and "how is the day of
salvation?"

"Hell," meaning material fire
and brimstone, may be a "dis-
credited institution." It should
never have been anything else.
But the laws of mind and charac-
ter cannot be disregarded, and
these, according to God's ordi-
nances, cannot fail to bring
retribution for an attitude of
light. And the human conscience
assents that this is right.

But is the institution so dis-
credited after all, now that the
times have ceased to be easy-going
and our theologians to reflect there-
on?

It would not be easy to persuade
the men who have seen with
their own eyes what has been
done in Belgium, Poland,
Armenia, that there is no hell, at
least if there is a God. Not that
we are to take our theology from
the trenches, but to the whole
world there have been unveiled
unmistakable depths in the mys-
tery of iniquity, for which it is
hard to see how this life alone
can provide retribution which
would satisfy the just demand of
the common conscience.

The men who brought our
world to its present pass were not
the victims of any sudden, passing
passion. What they have done
has been done by cool preparation
and intended purpose, in contempt
of every light vouchsafed to our
humanity, and cold persistent sin-
against the light is of the kind
which cannot be forgiven, either
in this world or in that which is
to come. The devil took these
men up into an exceeding high
mountain, and showed them all
the kingdoms of this world and
the glory of them. If they have
lost their souls eternally as the
price of the bargain, who shall
charge them with unrighteousness?

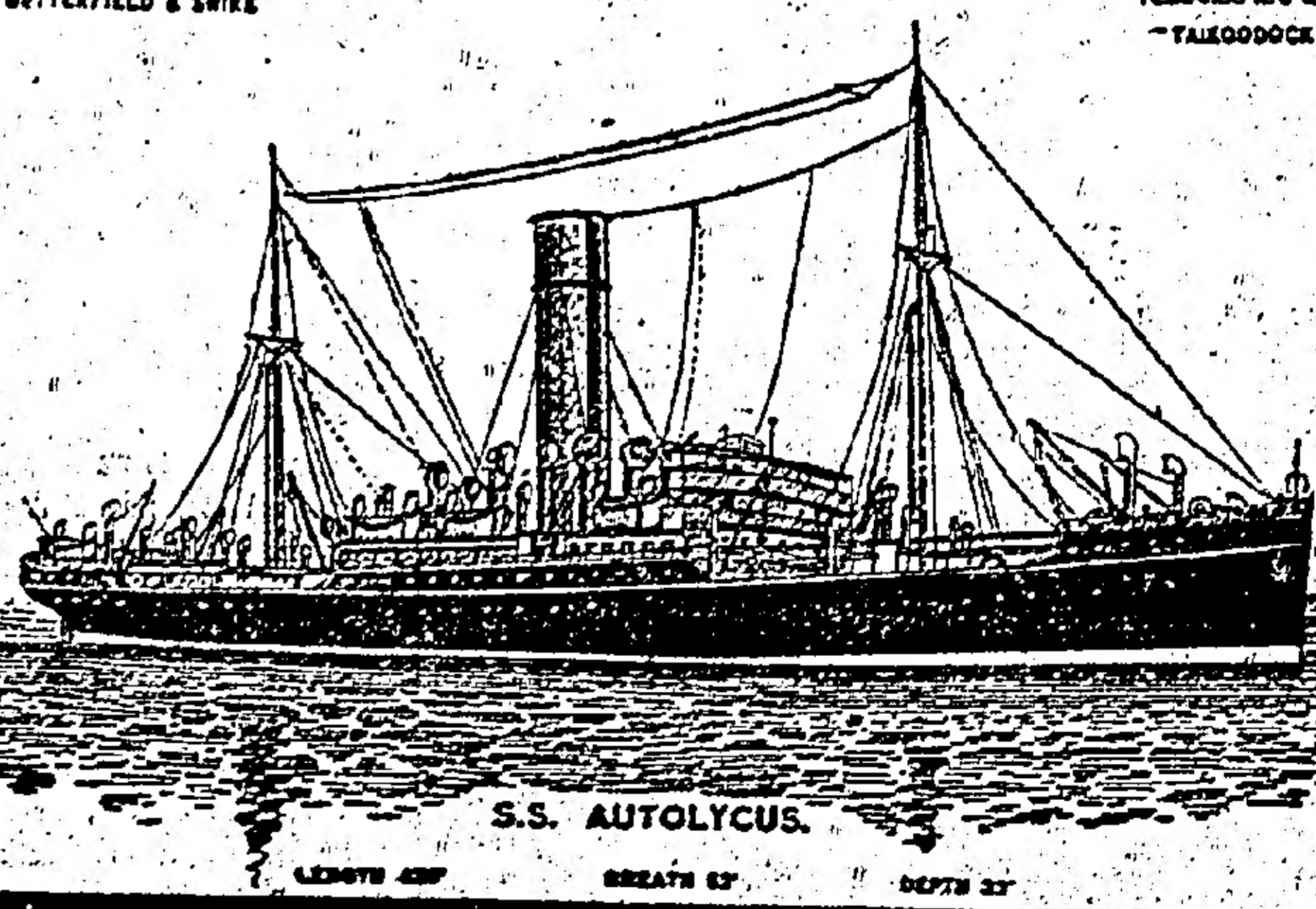
The nations which followed
them will discover they have
already delved a great gulf be-
tween themselves and rest of the
human race, and it will take a
heavier repentance than yet there
are signs of to begin its filling up.

But if the war has forced us to
see in others that sin is blinder
than we had thought let the vision
constrain us to avoid it in the
forms in which we ourselves are
tempted.

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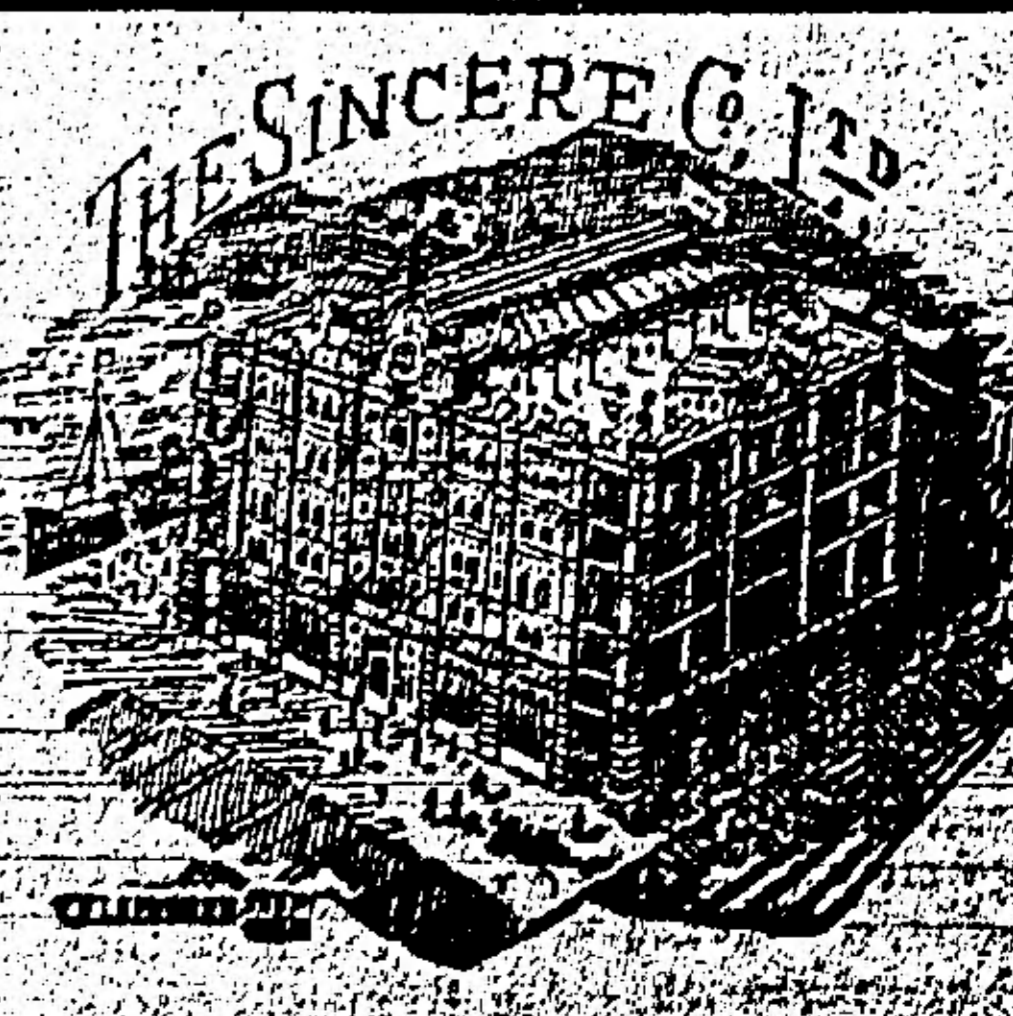
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ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN HONGKONG.

SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO ASSIST WAR CHARITIES.

Full Details of Various Activities.

Although not marked by such demonstrations as have characterized similar charitable efforts in the Colony since the war began, St. George's Day has been observed in Hongkong to-day by an effort to swell the already large sum that stands to Hongkong's credit on behalf of War Charities. Residents have long since become accustomed to "Days", and the happenings of the various "Our Days", "St. George's Days", "Heather Days", and the like seem likely to become definite fixtures in the calendar, at least as long as the war lasts. By circumstances over which none had control and which are generally regretted, it has been deemed inadvisable to celebrate to-day in anything like the manner of former events, and the programme has been limited to a sale of badges and a performance in the Theatre Royal this evening. The Committee of the St. George's Society first conceived of quite an ambitious programme, but the incidence of cerebro-spinal fever, which renders gatherings of people far from wise, has forced an abandonment of the scheme, though it is expected that it will not affect the large amount of money which it is hoped to raise. Instead of concentrating all the efforts to one day, the raising of money has been spread over a much longer period and it is quite possible— even surely predicted—that a sum of money unequalled by any of the preceding "Days" will be the result.

War Bond Drawing.

With the permission of His Excellency the Governor a War Bond Drawing has been organized, tickets of \$5 each being sold for prizes which will take the shape of War Bonds. The sale has been limited to 100,000 tickets, thus making the total money put into the Drawing \$500,000. Of this amount \$125,000 will be taken for Charities, the remainder being divided into prizes of \$187,500; \$50,250; \$37,500 and 100 other prizes totalling \$93,750. Tickets have been on sale for some time past now and have been taken up with gratifying liberality, and it is almost a certainty that the whole of the amount anticipated will be subscribed. The closing date of sale was originally fixed for April 12, but the Committee, with a view to giving the outside Ports a better opportunity, wisely decided to extend the date to June 12. It will thus be seen that the War Bond Drawing has little direct reference to St. George's Day, but it, nevertheless, forms part of the scheme of the Committee and must be referred to in any mention of the day.

St. George's Day Fund.

The decision of the Committee to open a St. George's Day Fund has proved to be a beneficial one and the amount subscribed to date totals nearly \$4,000. Lists of subscribers have appeared regularly in the papers, and it has been demonstrated that the pleasure of giving to charity has been by no means exhausted in the Colony. The Fund is still open and subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Ramsey, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Tombola. When it became advisable to abandon the outside programme arranged, the Committee were faced with a difficulty of finding some other suitable way of raising money, and for the suggestion of a Tombola they are indebted to Mrs. Ede. To many people a Tombola was a mystery, but it soon became clear that it was really a huge "Lucky Dip". The prizes were to be given and in response to a public appeal for the presentation of suitable articles the Committee was rewarded with a really magnificent collection. Residents were asked for "superfluities", and it was surprising what a lot of articles they found

they could spare. In value some of the gifts were exceedingly high, certain articles of jewellery presented being well worth the winning. From the majority of European houses came something and in the end the Committee found themselves possessed of about 2,000 articles which could be utilized for the event. Instead of a sale of tickets, "spills" were sold, and it was a matter of luck as to whether one found a ticket inside a spill or not. The possessor of a ticket became entitled to a prize, and a drawing as to which prize he should become entitled to took place in the City Hall last evening. The sale of spills "took up" with rare success and practically all the thousands of spills made were sold. Prior to the drawing in the City Hall, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak sold by auction parcels of spills and by this means only a very few were left over. There was spirited bidding for the unsold lots, the following being the purchasers with the prices paid:—Mr. N. J. Stabb, \$300, \$100 and \$110; Mr. C. M. Ede, \$330, \$400 and \$70; Mr. O. Champlin, \$50 and \$75; Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, \$70; Mr. L. N. Leslie, \$60, \$65 and \$75; Mr. E. Hancock, \$79; Mr. T. E. Pearce, \$100; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, \$75; Mr. F. C. Batcher, \$80; Mr. Dowley \$75 and Mr. Raven \$50.

It will thus be seen that \$2,330 was raised last evening. On enquiry to-day we learn that a total of 30,000 spills were made and that about 28,400 were sold. The price of a spill ordinarily was \$1, and it is estimated that approximately \$27,000 has been secured by the Tombola altogether. Seeing that the prizes were given, this is a clear profit for charities.

It had been intended to publish the numbers of the prizes together with the spill number which they had been drawn with in this morning's papers, but owing to the necessity of a careful check and the problem of setting the very long list in type, it was found to be impossible. The Society is now preparing to issue a special pamphlet bearing all the numbers, and this will be freely distributed so that all ticket holders will know the prize they are entitled to claim. Tickets should be presented at the Tombola store, Queen's Road.

The Sale of Badges.

The streets of the town to-day have presented the usual appearance of similar "Days", a large number of lady sellers being busy disposing of badges. There was a great variety of souvenirs for disposal these taking the form of ordinary button-hole badges, small flags, air balloons and even mascots. The whole of the articles had prominently displayed upon them the red cross, and it was few men who were seen without one or other of the emblems. Many rich owners had balloons fixed to their vehicles, and altogether there was plenty of evidence that the street collection was resulting in a handsome sum being realized. We know of one case wherein a prominent citizen on behalf of the firm of which he is the head, gave a cheque for \$2,000 for a mascot. Other high prizes have been paid. The collection was brought to a close before the tiffin interval and the lady sellers were provided with light refreshments at a special marquee on the Oriol Ground. The band of the 18th Infantry, played an enjoyable programme of music. A special word of praise should be given to Mrs. Stabb, who was mainly responsible for superintending the collection.

It would be almost impossible to enumerate the many articles which were disposed of, so varied is the list. A large number of metal and ribbon badges, with the Red Cross stamped on the metal were donated by Mr.

Grimeshaw. There was also a number of St. George's banners. These had been made by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh and presented free by Mr. He Kom Tong, the latter gentleman also mounting the flags. Satin workbags, plants, photographs, flowers and many other things were offered. The Hongkong Club was thrown open to ladies from noon. A special tiffin was served at which members entertained their lady friends. Mr. Robert Sutherland gave his "Punch and Judy" show in the Club before tiffin in aid of the day's funds, and the collection made at this event was quite a substantial one.

List of Sellers.

The list of lady collectors, who did such good work during the morning, were:—Committees, Mrs. Stabb, Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Balphs, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Arthur, assisted by Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Wakeman, assisted by Mrs. Murray Scott, Mrs. Moore, the Misses Veronica and Hilda Butterfield.

Mrs. Pearce, assisted by Mrs. Mo Kenny, Mrs. A.O. Davison, the Misses M. and D. Bodger.

Mrs. Ram, assisted by Miss Ventris, Miss Robinson, the Misses A. and J. Gordon.

Miss Goodall, assisted by Miss Goodall and Miss McLauchlan.

Miss Lock Smith assisted by Mrs. Henderson-Smith and Miss Gracie Main.

Mrs. Bird, assisted by Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. Sutherland, assisted by the Misses Grimbale, Miss Flint, Miss Jack.

Mrs. Bowley, assisted by Miss Marr, Mrs. Solomon, Miss Nelson.

Mrs. Ryan-Jones, assisted by Mrs. Hollingworth, Mrs. Berington, Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. Hodges.

Mrs. Denison, assisted by Miss Marjorie Denison and Miss Ritchie.

Mrs. Alabaster, assisted by Miss Dorothy Lander.

Mrs. Knight, assisted by Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Matheson.

Mrs. Hodgson, assisted by Mrs. Bonet, Mrs. Mayhew, Miss Peggy Gordon, and Miss Dillie Haynes.

Mrs. Sandeman, assisted by Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Brook, and Miss Mabel Wright.

Mrs. Beawick.

Mrs. Pierpoint, assisted by Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Lintott, and Miss B. Jennings.

The Misses de Journal.

Mrs. Main, assisted by Miss Annie Miller, Miss G. Stedman, Master W. Danbar, Master J. Meeser, Master A. Lammert, Master Percell Skelton, the Misses M. H. and A. McGregor, Master John Lander, Master David Ellis, the Misses Beanie and Kitty Blair, Miss Betty Hammond, Miss Eileen Lammert, the Misses Joyce and Dorothy Holyoak, the Misses and Masters Stabb, and Miss Ainslie Hallifax.

Mrs. Middleton Smith assisted by Mrs. Digby, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Marley, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Sophie Wall. Students of Sai-ying-pun School, St. Paul's Girls' College, St. Stephen's Boys' College, Diocesan Boys' School, and the Ying Wah College.

Rev. Mother Superior, Italian Convent, assisted by Miss Gladys Woolley, Miss Cecil Woolley, Miss Edith Lambden, Miss O. Medina, Miss Annie Sim, Miss Annie Tolan, Miss Lizette Tolan, Miss Amy Watt, Miss Agnes Watt, Miss Elsie Watt, Miss Margaret Kent, Miss Nellie Kailey and Miss Beanie Gubbay.

Sister Beatrice, French Convent, assisted by Mrs. W. Anderson, Mrs. Shaw, the Misses Sarah and Oathie Shaw, Misses Baby, Vivienne and Rosebud Young, Miss Florence Hamilton, Miss Mary Mathies, Miss G. Simmonds, and Miss Doris Windbank.

Mrs. Grimeshaw, assisted by Mrs. Conner, Mrs. W. Hill, Mrs. Prowse, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Grimeshaw, Miss W. McNeil, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. MacNeille, Mrs. Polly, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Tall.

Miss Graham, assisted by Mrs. George Dunsen, Mrs. Forsyth, Miss M. Neave, Miss Robson, Miss Maggie Ramsey, Miss Gladys Ramsey, Miss Spradbery, as Charlie Chaplin, and as Red Cross Nurse, Miss Joan Crispin, Miss Milly Kinross, Miss Bliss, Miss Maud Graham, Master Herbert Dunsen, Master Logan, Master W. Forsyth, Master George Hedley, and Master Neave.

Mrs. O. Stark and Mrs. W. Gill, assisted by the Misses Curry, the

Misses Coburn, the Misses L. and F. Neave, Miss Etha Knight, Miss Kathleen Murphy, Miss N. Pearce, Miss M. Hyde, Miss P. Ozilvia, Miss B. Torritt, Miss M. Scott, Miss O. Russell and Miss G. Sanders.

Mrs. Tatchar, assisted by the students of the Bellio Girls' School.

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Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Hudson and Miss Chrissie Allison.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Mary Lee, Miss Muriel Richardson and Miss Iris May.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the following who kindly sent flowers for distribution at Hospitals and Military Centres, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Looker, Mrs. Ede, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Beckwith, Lady Chater, Mr. E. Nicholson, Lady Ho Yang and friends, Mrs. Holyoak, Mrs. Aitkin, Mrs. Tatchar, Mrs. Lander, Mrs. C. Forsyth, Mrs. Dyer, Mr. Lundale, Mr. Downing, and Mr. A. Noel; also to Mr. He Kom Tong, for kindly mounting all the flags; Mr. Grimeshaw, for the gift of 3,000 metal badges; Miss Angel Armstrong, for her services as lady chauffeur; Mr. Lauritzen and Mr. Komor, for inflating the balloons; Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Milroy and Miss Loureiro, for making various articles for sale; and to all the ladies and children who kindly made the large variety of pretty articles for the trays.

Raffles.

The number of the winning ticket in Mrs. Skelton's "Baby Doll" Raffle in aid of St. George's Day Fund is 97.

The winning number in the raffle of Miss Fairall's Dressed Doll with chair was 361.

The doll raffled by Miss Mudge Crapnell was won by ticket No. 25.

To-Night's Performance.

In the Theatre Royal this evening is being presented the well-known play, "The Witness for the Defence," local amateurs undertaking the work. In Shanghai the play was produced by the Amateur Dramatic Society there with distinct success, and it is fully anticipated that in addition to being a source of revenue the play will be an exceptionally well-acted one. In connection with this event, too, tickets for the best seats of the dress circle were disposed of by auction and, at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday week, Mr. E. P. White was able to raise no less a sum than \$7,500. Some of the prices paid were exceptionally high and a spirit of free generosity characterized the sale. So large has been the demand for seats, that it has been decided to give two repeat performances on Thursday, and Saturday, and thus raise even more funds. The cast of the play is as follows:—

Henry Throck... Mr. L. N. Leslie

Stephen Ballantyne... Mr. W. Simclair

Harold Haslewood... Mr. M. S. Northcott

Richard Haslewood... Mr. W. McQuade

Robert Pettifer... Mr. H. W. Bird

Hubbard... Mr. W. Charters

Stella Ballantyne... Mr. W. Logan

Mrs. Pettifer... Mrs. Thornton

Baram Singh... Mr. W. Charters

A. Servant... Mr. G. McGregor

Produced by Mr. W. Simclair.

Prompter: Mr. T. Bowen

Partington: Secretary Mr. W. A. Cornell.

Lighting: Mr. Deaman Fuller.

At the conclusion of the play to-night an auction sale will be conducted by Mr. H. P. White of the furniture used in the play, most of which has been provided at cost price or given. In addition there will be sold an Edition de Luxe of Louis Rasmussen's fine war cartoons, which has been anonymously presented in aid of Marine War Charities. The edition is a very fine one, and was limited, thus making the book a really valuable one. The cartoons are in colour and all the force of this cartoonist's ideas are presented with striking effect.

The Officials.

It would not be just to conclude an account of the day without a reference to the list of officials who have been responsible

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent, writing on the 22nd inst., states:—

It is reported that the northern troops have arrived at Nam Hung and are now advancing in three directions. Two intend to attack Yee Hing and the Yan Fe districts and the third to encircle Shui kwan. Chang Kai Ya, the commander there, has ordered the city gates to open two hours daily for traffic.

Li Lit Chuan, Commander-in-Chief in the west, in view of the fact that the last cities are nearly all recaptured, intends to reduce his army by one half for the fighting in the north.

Commander Li Kun-Yuen has proceeded to the north with his army and a large quantity of munitions, and has ordered that all the locomotives of the Canton-Hankow Railway must be returned to Canton station at night.

for all the work of arranging and carrying out the various activities of the celebration.

The General Committee was constituted as follows:—The Hon. P. H. Holyoak, (President), Mr. N. J. Stabb, (Vice-President), and Messrs. H. H. J. Gomperts, G. S. Archbutt, H. W. Bird, C. Montague Ede, W. J. Eldridge, H. B. Hancock, L. N. Leslie, Hon. E. E. Pollock, K. C., J. W. Graham, W. A. Dowley, A. G. Coppin, H. J. Ramsey, (Hon. Treasurer), and J. Bantley, (Hon. Secretary).

Various sub-committees were appointed, these being:—

Entertainment Committee:—Messrs. H. W. Bird, (Chairman), R. H. Hancock, W. J. Eldridge, T. L. Perkins, J. W. Graham, W. J. Tatchar, H. W. Prowse, W. A. Dowley, G. S. Archbutt, H. B. Bridger, J. H. Underwood, and J. Scott Harston.

War Bond Committee:—Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, (Chairman), Messrs. H. H. J. Gomperts, N. J. Stabb, C. Montague Ede, L. N. Leslie, O. Beawick, and H. C. Sandford.

Finance Committee:—Messrs. N. J. Stabb, (Chairman), C. Montague Ede, T. O. Dowling, C. Champlin, and J. H. Ramsey.

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Theatre:—Mr. W. Simclair.

Ladies' Committee:—Mrs. Holyoak and Mrs. Stabb.

Owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Holyoak, a great deal of work devolved on Mrs. Stabb, and the manner in which she has laboured to make the day a success has earned thanks of all officials. In Mrs. Stabb she had an energetic assistant. As stated above, Mrs. Ede was responsible for the Tombola. Mr. John Bentley, as Hon. Secretary, has also borne a lion's share of the work.

The Committee of the Society wish to specially thank Mr. H. P. White for his valuable services in conducting the auction sale of the theatre seats at the Hongkong Hotel and also for the work he has done to perform this evening after the presentation of the play at the Theatre Royal. Thanks are also extended to all the ladies and to all others who in any way helped to make the celebration the undoubted success it has been.

The Latest Subscription List.

The Committee acknowledge with thanks, receipt of the under-noted donations.

Further amounts will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation. Balance as per last statement...

Rev. T. Robinson... \$2,430.20

Rev. T. W. Scholes... 50.00

F. A. J... 10.00

W. Morley... 16.50

Proceeds of Raffle per Mrs. H. L. Stinger... 48.67

Mrs. Stabb (\$50 at 3/2 p)... 314.70

\$3,979.17

J. H. RAMSEY, Hon. Treasurer, Hongkong St. George's Day Fund, 22nd April, 1918.

HONGKONG'S OPIUM CASE.

Another Stage of a Record Action.

Another, and perhaps the final, stage of Hongkong's celebrated opium case has been reached to-day, for His Lordship the Puisne Judge, gave judgment this morning on the latest issue. So involved are the facts that the following explanation is necessary:—

The matter opens with the formation of a Company, called the Yue Hing Company, which was incorporated in April, 1912, with a capital of \$200,000 made up of 2,000 shares of \$100 each. The object of the Company was to carry on the business of raw opium merchants and generally deal in the opium market. The litigation commenced in March, 1914, when a petition was presented to the Court on behalf of one of the shareholders, apparently dissatisfied with the way things were being run; for the Company, to be wound up. The Official Receiver was appointed Provisional Liquidator, but the winding-up petition was vigorously contested by some other shareholders. The petition was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir William Beechey, and after a hearing of well over thirty days, judgment was given by the Chief Justice, ordering the winding-up to proceed. The other side subsequently appealed to the Full Court for this order to be reversed and Sir Haviland de S. Summers, Judge of H.B.M.'s Supreme Court for China, and Mr. Justice Gomperts, Puisne Judge, were occupied for seven or eight full days in hearing this appeal. Their decision was to uphold the judgment given by the Chief Justice.

Then started the last stage of the proceedings, when the Liquidator, (the Official Receiver) sought a declaration that 98 chests of opium, said to be held by the contesting shareholders, were still the property of the Company. The return of those or the proceeds of sale, together with damages, was claimed. This has been the issue before the Court ever since, and Mr. Justice Gomperts, who tried the case, sat for no less than 121 days in Court, the hearing evidence and addresses.

The Counsel that have been engaged in the case are the Hon. Mr. E. E. Sharpe, K. C., the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, (instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) for the plaintiff, and Mr. O. G. Alabaster and Mr. Eldon Potter, (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) for the defendants.

In the course of a written judgment, which occupied 54 pages of closely type-written matter, His Lordship to-day reviewed the whole facts of the case. He outlined the various contentions raised, how each side made allegations of fraud and perjury against the other, and how the pecuniary amount at stake was considerable. He said that the case had probably been the most lengthy and arduous enquiry ever held in the courts of the Colony and had involved the most microscopic examination not only of the books of the Company but of half a dozen independent Chinese business accounts. If the plaintiffs proved their case then the defendants had undoubtedly been guilty of fraud, perjury and forgery on an unprecedented scale. On the other hand if the plaintiffs case was disbelieved then another director had been an impudent blackmailer. The evidence, oral and documentary, formed a mass of mountains of detail. Having remarked that no short cuts were possible and that the only way to proceed was by a minute and laborious inspection, he went on to review the details in comprehensive fashion.

In answering the main points as to whether the chests were considered by a jury he came to the conclusion that the plaintiffs' case must fail, and accordingly gave judgment for the defendants.

A stay of execution was granted.

Interesting Engagement.

The engagement is announced of Mr. J. A. Thomas, late manager of the B. & T. in China, to Miss Anna Brandon of North Carolina.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A Hongkong writer writes to the "N. C. Daily News"—A native of Japan objected to my calling him countryman. "Japs," said I asked him what they ought to be called. He said "Japani," just as the natives of Bengal are Bengali and of Panj the Panj bi. There was something in what he said, it is a reasonable sound and then a "Japani's" bravery is better than a Jap's bravery.

Claiming to be the champion escorbiter of the world, and that last year he and his assistants destroyed over 6,000,000. Mr. Byram Lewis Phillips, of the American Cockroach Company, threatens to return to America unless his services receive more recognition from the Government. He himself is so expert that he can kill rats when he is sitting in an arm chair. Mr. Phillips complains that he has been deprived of his trained staff, that he is not allowed to get chemicals from America, and that the perfect rat trap, just invented cannot be manufactured because the material is said to be more necessary for munitions. And yet his work, he contends, is of the greatest national importance from the point of view of health as well as that of food economy.

An ornamental cinerary, over 2,000 years old, containing the blackened ashes of calcined bones, has been unearthed during excavations at Barwell, Leicestershire, together with a small flint instrument with a serrated edge used by men of the Stone Age to saw through wood and bone, for making arrow shafts and needles.

The appointment of Lord Northcliffe as Minister of Propaganda in enemy countries is understood to have sent a special thrill of horror and indignation throughout Germany. It is felt to be particularly insulting that at the very moment when Wolff's Bureau has come absolutely to the end of its imaginative resources, the champion newspaper master of Great Britain should come long with his rich vein of humor and imagination, absolutely untripped, and threaten reprisals. The only grain of comfort left to Handland is the handicap which the Daily Mail has imposed on itself by its excessive zeal for truth, but the Hans will be wise if they refrain from placing too great reliance upon this pre-war tendency.

The war has made the demolition of many forest trees at home a grim necessity. Among the unfortunate victims is the handsome "Scots" pine (Pinus sylvestris), or Scotch fir, as it is so often miscalled. Wandering in a wood of these fine trees to Backs the other day, (writes a correspondent), I came upon a somewhat strangely un-English, and remarkably reminiscent of one in Northern Germany. The soil was of the wood, covered with the blows of axes and the cracks of timber, and the ground lay strewn with fallen pine-tops, felled by a gang of twenty or thirty German prisoners. In Germany and in Russia this same pine forms vast forests, and before the war huge consignments reached these shores from Northern Europe. But the Scots pine is also indigenous to Britain. It is, in fact, our only native pine. In Southern England the pine-woods have all been planted by the hand of man; but in Yorkshire and northwards through Scotland the tree may be found wild in its native soil, grown by the hand of nature. Also that our own little island stocks must now be thinned down, and—unpleasant irony of circumstance—by German hands.

Chinese To Cultivate Wisconsin Truck Farms.

Lacrosse, Wis., April 10.—Nine hundred Chinese, chiefly from Chicago, are beginning to arrive to start a truck gardening colony. More than 1,000 acres have already been purchased. They plan to raise potatoes, onions and celery this year. 20 acres will be planted to corn. United States Agricultural Department is being appealed to for aid in advancing for the best results.

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POST OFFICE.

Information has been received from the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs Tokyo, that on and after 1st April 1918, the Post Office of Japan will collect a demurrage charge from the addressees of parcels on which Customs duties or inland taxes are imposed in Japan, not withdrawn from the Post Office within 30 days from the date of the notice of their arrival to be sent to the addressee.

The amount of the charge per parcel is fixed at 5 sen per day after the expiration of the period stipulated.

The parcel post service to Szechuan province has been resumed for ordinary parcels only.

The Service to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mail close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

The Parcel Post service to places in Szechuan Province is suspended until further notice.

The London Post Office advises that all parcels (except those for Prisoners of War) and all sample packets for Denmark, Holland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland will be stopped by the Military Censors unless posted under a War Office permit.

The importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown or produced in British Possessions is prohibited unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

The Parcel Post Service to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Eritrea, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cents rate addressed to Yunnan and Mengtse and other places in the Province of Yunnan should be superscribed with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Arrangements have been made for the transmission of parcels to the United Kingdom via Canada.

The rates of postage are as follows:—
Parcel not over 3 lbs. 90 cents.
Do. 7 lbs. 1.20
Do. 11 lbs. 1.50

No insurance can be effected on parcels sent by this route.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Amoy—24th April, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, Europe via San Francisco—24th April, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Saigon—24th April, Noon.

Saigon—24th April, 5 p.m.

Ningpo—24th April, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 25th April.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Takao and Amoy—25th April, 7 a.m.

Fort Bayard, Hainan and Haiphong—25th April, 9 a.m.

Swatow—25th April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—25th April, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 26th April.

Straits—26th April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Focchow—26th April, Noon.

Philippine Islands—26th April, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 27th April.

Filipino—27th April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, Europe via San Francisco—27th April, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—27th April, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 28th April.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—28th April, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 29th April.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—29th April, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Europe, Canada, via Victoria, United States, Central and S. America via Seattle—29th April, Registration 11.45 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 30th April.

Swatow, Amoy and Focchow—30th April, Noon.

SATURDAY, 4th May.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Africa, Egypt and Europe—4th May, Registration, 5 p.m. Letters 5th, 9 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 23d, 12h, 00m.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has increased considerably along the east coast of China from Waihaiwei to Focchow, and slightly over N. Formosa; it has decreased slightly elsewhere. The depression has probably moved eastward to the south of Japan, and a weak anticyclone is situated to the N.W. of Shanghai.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.35 inch against an average of 10.40 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	Light, southerly or variable winds, probably freshening later from E; fine.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamochi	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register, April 23, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Winds	Weather
Victoria	6a	30.03	59		0	cr
Namun	1a					
Hakodate						
Tokio						
Kobe						
Nagasaki						
Kagima						
Oshima						
Naha						
Ishijima						
Bonin Is.						
Whaiwei	6a	30.13	47	66	n	5 b
Shanghai		31.02	55	100	no	2 o
Gutai		29.98	54	100	no	4 of
Shanghai		30.02	71	94	n	1 o
Amoy		29.85	71	91	saw	2 b
Swatow	5a	29.91	68	98		0 o
Yachun		29.89	66			0 b
Lainan		29.88	70			2 b
Koshun		29.87	68			0 b
P'ores		29.87	73			2 b
Canton	6a	29.87	72	95	se	1 o
H'kong		29.86	72	95		0 of
Gap Rock		29.85	73	91	saw	2 b
Macao		29.85	73	91	saw	2 of
Wuchow						
Fakhoi						
Holow						
Phuilen	7a	29.82	73	96	ase	4 b
Toussere		29.81	72		ase	4 of
C. St. J.		29.80	77		nsw	2 o
Apurri						
Dagupan		29.84	73	98		0 b
Manila		29.82	79	94	nsw	2 o
Legaspi						
Calapan						
Davao						
Surigao						
Guam	430					
Lanuan	6	29.81	78	95	sw	2 b

O. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 23, 1918.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation. The humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c overcast, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
at 6 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 6 p.m.
Barometer	29.85	29.85	29.88
Temperature	62	71	82
Humidity	68	95	80
Wind Direction	S.S.W.	CALM	W.
Force	1	0	2
Weather	b	cb	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Significant temperature on the land			
H.K. Observatory, Apr. 23, 1918.			
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.			

TIDE TABLE.

From 22nd Apr. to 28th Apr.

High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time
Mon. 22	1.15	12.15	1.15
Tues. 23	1.15	12.15	1.15
Wed. 24	1.15	12.15	1.15
Thurs. 25	1.15	12.15	1.15
Fri. 26	1.15	12.15	1.15
Sat. 27	1.15	12.15	1.15
Sun. 28	1.15	12.15	1.15
Mon. 29	1.15	12.15	1.15
Tues. 30	1.15	12.15	1.15

ENTERTAINMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

23rd, 24th, 25th April, 1918.

A Beautiful Star

in a Great Photoplay.

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"BLIND MAN'S LUCK."

American Gazette No. 45

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY, the 25th April, 1918,

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

comprising—

Tapestry covered drawing room suite, easy chairs, teak desks and bookcases, card table, engravings, brass incense burners and figures, vases, carpets, rugs, etc., etc.

Teak extension dining table and chairs, teak sideboards, dinner wagon, ice chest, dinner and dessert services, glassware, cutlery, electro-plated ware, etc., etc.

Five double brass and brass mounted iron bedsteads, teak single and double wardrobes, dressing tables, washstands, toilet crockery, etc., etc.

A Quantity of Blackwood ware comprising—Curio cabinet, lady's desk, tables, flower stands, stools, etc., etc.

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1 Indian Motor Cycle with Side Car (in first class condition.)

1 Antipiano by Kastner & Co., Ltd.

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On view from Wednesday the 24th instant.

Catalogue will be issued. Terms—Cash on delivery.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY the 27th April, 1918.

at 12 o'clock (noon) at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

The Furniture, Fixtures, Goodwill, Stock-in-trade and Book debts of the Yee Cheong Tong firm of No. 20, Salt Fish Street, as a going concern in one lot according to the printed Particulars and Conditions of Sale copies of which can be had on application to—

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

By order of the Mortgagees Mr. Geo. P. Lammert has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday the 30th day of April, 1918, at 3 p.m. at his Sales Room, Duddell Street, Victoria.

The following Valuable Leasehold Property situate at Victoria, Hongkong, viz:—

ALL THOSE pieces or parcels of ground situate at Victoria, Hongkong and known and registered in the Land Office as Section 3 of Marine Lot No. 200 and Section D of the Southern Portion of The Praya Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 200 Together with the messuages erected thereon known as No. 116 Des Voeux Road West Victoria—alors said Proportions of Annual Crown Rent \$9.70 and \$4.90 respectively. Area 6.5 Square Feet and 260 Square Feet respectively.

For further particulars and conditions of sale

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Solicitors for the Mortgagees, or to

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1918.

MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

TUESDAY

the 14th day of May, 1918, at 3 o'clock in the AFTERNOON, at his Sales Room in Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

THE VERY VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

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RURAL BUILDING LOT NUMBER 70 and GARDEN LOT NUMBER 2, together with the attractive residential house thereon known as

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1, Des Voeux Road, Central, Vendors' Solicitors.

or to

MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT, The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1918.

"I CAME, I SAW, I LOVED"

What a Husband Found in a Hotel Register.

In a Divorce Court case heard recently it was said that the co-respondent wrote in an hotel register, "Veni, vidi, vici" (I came, I saw, I conquered). Underneath the wife wrote, "E moi anasi."

The case concerned Mr. Walter Frederick Parkhurst, employed in the War Office, who was granted a *decree nisi* without costs on the ground of the misconduct of his wife with Mr. Edward Le Châzio.

Mr. Willis said that after her marriage Mrs. Parkhurst joined the Berchem Opera Company, neglected her home, and stayed out late, excusing herself on the ground of professional engagements.

In August 1916 she asked her husband to let her go to stay with friends at Westward Ho, and he consented. She returned, and her husband had no idea that anything was wrong. In the following year she again went to Westward Ho, and although she wrote postcards to him the never sent her address.

He made a search among her things, and found photos of herself and a man whom he did not know in a cornfield. He made inquiries at Westward Ho, and found that they had stayed together at the Bath Hotel. The wife stayed under the name of Eve, her singing name. He also found the hotel register, writing, quoted above.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

THE Subscription List for the THIRD LIBERTY LOAN of U.S. \$3,000,000,000 carrying interest at 4 1/4 per cent per annum closes in America on 4th May 1918.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION is prepared to receive applications up to 25th April, on the following terms:—
5% on application.
20% on 1st May.
35% on 1st July.
40% on 8th August,
and will also grant loans against this security.

NOTICES

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of April, 1918, at 12 o'clock NOON, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,

W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1918.

NOTICE.

WE have this day appointed the China Film Syndicate our Representatives